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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Artavanis-Tsakonas et al.

Application No.: 08/532,384 Group Art Unit: 1642

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For: THERAPEUTIC AND
DIAGNOSTIC METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS BASED ON
NOTCH PROTEINS AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS Attorney Docket No.: 7326-035

PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 2, 1997, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) a Petition to Extend Time for a period of three (3) months from January 1, 1998 to April 1, 1998, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (b) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a List of References Cited.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 90, 92, 98, 101, 103-106 and 109-112, drawn to a method of manipulating cell differentiation by promoting Notch function, classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1+.
- II. Claims 90, 91, 93-97, 99-102, 104, 106-109 and 112 drawn to a method of manipulating cell